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On achieving justice:

The first thing that they need to do is really try and get in touch with lawyers; lawyers for human rights who are out there to help communities in terms of taking up their cases in court. And I believe that it is the only way that people can have justice delivered. It can be a long and tiring process but there is need for determination, dedication, and commitment to see justice. There is also need of patience in terms of people who are being threatened. But I think it is also important for me to state that you do not become a hero – or like we say in Zimbabwe, a shero – when you are six feet under. When violence is coming after you, I would suggest that you run for your life. It is more precious to your family, your children. And then you seek help afterwards because at the end of the day, if you are gone, you are gone. When you hear the threats of violence, please try and take precautions that are going to preserve your life.